

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A dishwasher apparatus comprising:

a dish rack including a wire member and a pivotable cup support, the pivotable cup support being configured to hold cups;

a feed tube for a spray arm rotatably disposed beneath the dish rack;

an intensive washing zone disposed in a region of the dish rack beneath the pivotable cup support, the intensive washing zone including a rod-shaped pipe element attached to the wire member and having an outlet nozzle;

a pipe branch for the intensive washing zone, the pipe branch being disposed in a region of the feed tube and being configured for communicating with the pipe element via a T-piece and a valve; and

an actuator configured to cooperate with the pipe element so as to enable the intensive washing zone to be activated and deactivated, the actuator cooperating with the pivotable cup support such that pivoting of the pivotable cup support is operable to open and close the valve.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 9-8 wherein the intensive washing zone is disposed beneath the cup support.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 9-8 wherein the valve is disposed in a region of a pivot axis of the cup support and the valve includes a pipe-in-pipe arrangement having openings configured to align with each other.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the pipe element is attached to the wire member by a retaining clip configured to allow movement of the pipe element relative to the wire member when the pivotal cup support pivots.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim ~~9~~8 further comprising a connecting pipe connected between the pipe branch and the valve, the connecting pipe including a first L-shaped pipe.

Claim 14 (Previously presented) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 13 wherein the connecting pipe includes a second L-shaped pipe.

Claim 15 (Previously presented) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the pipe element is attached beneath the rack to the wire member.

Claim 16 (Previously presented) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the pipe element includes a further outlet nozzle, the outlet nozzle and the further outlet nozzle being disposed respectively at a periphery of the pipe element.

Claim 17 (Previously presented) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the pipe element is rotatably mounted and is configured to cooperate with the actuator so as to enable the intensive washing zone to be manually activated and deactivated as needed.

Claim 18 (Previously presented) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 17 wherein the pipe element includes a mounting region for the actuator at a first end of the pipe element thereof, and includes a recess at a second end of the pipe element thereof, the recess being configured to open or close passage of washing water to the pipe element.

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Claim 19 (Previously presented) The dishwasher apparatus as recited in claim 18 further comprising a second pipe element, the recess being configured to open or close passage of washing water to the second pipe element.